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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
(IFAD): SITE AND PRESIDENCY

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1. EMBOFF MADE POINTS CONTAIN REFTEL TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR MINGAZZINI DEC 29. MINGAZZINI UNDERLINED COMPLETE GOI SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES OUTLINED BY US, CITING PARTICULARLY POINT THAT SITE AND PRESIDENCY BE DIVIDED AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS. MINGAZZINI NOTED THAT NOTHING IN US PRINCIPLES WOULD FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY THAT ROME BE SELECTED AS PERMANENT IFAD SITE, AS DESIRED BY GOI. ON PERSONAL BASIS, MINGAZZINI SAID THAT RESULTS OF RECENT PREPARATORY COMMISSION (PREPCOM) HAD CAUSED SOME WORRY IN GOI, PARTICULARLY DECISION TO HOLD APRIL MEETING IN TEHRAN AND IRANIAN MOVE TO MODIFY ARTICLES TO PERMIT NON-SECRET VOTE ON SITE. THIS, ACCORDING TO MINGAZZINI, WOULD WEAKEN ROME'S CHANCES OF BEING SELECTED. MINGAZZINI STATED THAT GOI HAD RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR ROME'S CANDIDACY FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING VENEZUELA, BUT FEARED THAT MANY OF THESE AND OTHER CATEGORY III COUNTRIES WOULD EVAPORATE IN RECORDED VOTE. ON IFAD PRESIDENCY, MINGAZZINI STATED THAT GOI HAD RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM SAUDI ARABIA PUTTING FORTH SHEIK SUDEARY'S CANDIDACY.

2. RE DAC COORDINATION, MINGAZZINI SUGGESTED THAT TWO MEETINGS MIGHT BE NECESSARY. THE FIRST WOULD BE HELD SHORTLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SO THAT PREPCOM PARTICIPANTS COULD BRIEF OECD NON-PARTICIPANTS AND DISCUSS POLICY FOR APRIL MEETING. THE SECOND WOULD BE HELD JUST BEFORE PREPCOM TO COORDINATE POSITIONS, SINCE MOST OECD COUNTRIES ARE NOT PREPCOM MEMBERS.

3. GOI, ACCORDING TO MINGAZZINI, WILL PROBABLY COMPLETE IFAD RATIFICATION PROCEDURES SOMETIME DURING 1977. HE DECLINED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.

4. COMMENT: GOI CONCERNS, OF COURSE, ARE VERY MUCH RELATED TO INSURING THAT ROME IS CHOSEN AS PERMANENT IFAD SITE. AT DAC (OR OTHER CONSULTATIONS), GOI MAY BE COUNTED ON TO SEEK TO ADVANCE THIS DESIGN AND TO ATTEMPT TO ELICIT SUPPORT FOR ROME'S CANDIDACY WHEREVER AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. VOLPE

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